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**From:** Meekins, Tanya [Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/18/2018 5:14:57 PM  
**To:** Bunker, Byron [bunker.byron@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Approval request for authentication form  
**Attachments:** 2018-011365\_authentication.doc; 2018-011365\_response ltr.pdf

Hi Byron

I've created the authentication request. Can you let me know if you approve for signature?

Thanks

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**From:** Blair, Shirley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Meekins, Tanya <Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: authentication form request

Hi Tanya,

It looks fine to me. Thanks

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**From:** Meekins, Tanya  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** Blair, Shirley <Blair.Shirley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** authentication form request

Hi Shirley

I have an authentication request from a FOIA requester. I've attached the latest form that I have. Can you review and let me know if any changes are needed before I move forward?

Thanks

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**From:** Kaminer, Joan  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Meekins, Tanya <Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov>; Gottesman, Larry <Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov>; Schumacher, Wendy <schumacher.wendy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Sabrina <Hamilton.Sabrina@epa.gov>; Lubetsky, Jonathan <Lubetsky.Jonathan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hi Tanya, We can't provide a certification of no records located to the requester but we can provide an authentication of the final response letter. The requester could then file the letter and authentication with the Court. You can work with Shirley Blair on the authentication. There is a charge of \$25 to the requester.

Thanks,

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**From:** Meekins, Tanya

**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:52 PM

**To:** Gottesman, Larry <[Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov)>; Schumacher, Wendy <[schumacher.wendy@epa.gov](mailto:schumacher.wendy@epa.gov)>; Kaminer, Joan <[Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** FW: Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hi all

I sent a "no records" response to a requester and he has asked if I could provide him with a "Certification" of our no records response. I have no memory of providing a certification of this kind; and I don't know if this is something the Agency does.

Below is a link that my management found to EPA's FOIA procedures which states that EPA staff is to complete a "certification form" when there is a no records response. However, the FOIA procedures also states that this form is not to be sent to the requester.

So my 1<sup>st</sup> question – is there is a certification form; and if so where do I get a copy?

My 2<sup>nd</sup> question - how do I respond to this requester? (see highlighted section from Mr. Jerrod Patterson)

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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**From:** Bunker, Byron

**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:30 PM

**To:** Meekins, Tanya <[Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov](mailto:Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hi Tanya,

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/cio\\_2157-p-01.1.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/cio_2157-p-01.1.pdf)

See page 10, Step 11(d).

Thanks,

Byron

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**From:** Meekins, Tanya  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 4:57 PM  
**To:** Bunker, Byron <[bunker.byron@epa.gov](mailto:bunker.byron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hi Byron

Mr. Patterson is asking about a certification of a "no record response". I'll have to look into this on Monday. I'm not really sure what it means.

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**From:** Jerrod C. Patterson [<mailto:jerrodp@hbsslaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** Meekins, Tanya <[Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov](mailto:Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hi Ms. Meekins:

I just left you a voicemail as well. Is it possible to obtain a Certification of No Record from the EPA regarding this request? This may be necessary to allow us to present it to the Court.

Thank you!

-- Jerrod

Jerrod C. Patterson | **Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP** | Direct: (206) 268-9378

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**From:** Meekins, Tanya <[Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov](mailto:Meekins.Tanya@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** Jerrod C. Patterson <[jerrodp@hbsslaw.com](mailto:jerrodp@hbsslaw.com)>  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act request, EPA-HQ-2018-011365

Hello Mr. Patterson

Attached is the Agency's response to your Freedom of Information Act request referenced above. This response is also being sent to you through the Agency's FOIA online system. You should receive an email notification within the next 1-2 business days.

Thank you.

*Tanya Meekins*  
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